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# Press Release

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**ATTORNEY GENERAL DARRELL MCGRAW'S  
CONSUMER PROTECTION DIVISION IS LAUNCHING  
A SERIES OF PRESENTATIONS ON SENIOR SAFETY  
AT THE ELK RIVER COMMUNITY CENTER**

Did you know that each year nearly 1.5 million people, age 65 and older, are treated in hospital emergency rooms for injuries associated with products they live with and use every day? In order to address this mounting problem, Attorney General Darrell McGraw's Consumer Protection Division, in partnership with the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission and the West Virginia Bureau of Senior Services, will be presenting programs throughout the state that will educate consumers about senior safety.

This program was developed by the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission in response to the recent epidemic of injuries sustained by senior citizens. The presentation identifies the main causes of these injuries and deaths and then educates consumers on how to protect themselves in their homes.

On Tuesday, April 12, 2005, the Attorney General's office will kickoff the series of presentations at the Elk River Community and Education Center in Elkview, West Virginia. Scheduled to be at this event are West Virginia Attorney General Darrell McGraw and Hank Glogowski, a Senior Investigator in the Pittsburgh office of the United States Consumer Protection Safety Commission. Staff from both the Attorney General's office and the West Virginia Bureau of Senior Services are also scheduled to attend. The event begins at 11:00 a.m.

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